



# ***Programs for Los Angeles Pregnant and Parenting Teens in Foster Care: A Snapshot***

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# The Problem

Do we really need more services for pregnant and parenting teens...?

And if so, what would help most?



# What The Snapshot Covered

**In Los Angeles County today...**

*How many programs are there specifically designed for pregnant and parenting teens in foster care?*

*What types of programs are offered?*

*Where are these programs located in the county?*



# What We Excluded

General health, social service, and in-kind support programs

## EXAMPLES:

- Hospitals and public health clinics
- State unemployment and public assistance
- Public mental health clinics
- Public schools
- Courts and juvenile justice sector
- Public housing



# A Few Cautions

**This is just a snapshot...**

**We are still missing data on:**

- Numbers actually receiving service
- Service sectors (health, employment, education, etc.)
- System effectiveness and linkage



# How We Thought about “Programs”

**Agencies** provide auspices and administrative umbrella

**Programs in agencies:** defined problem focus, population, intervention level

**Services in programs:** Activities needed to support the intervention

# Just to Keep in Mind



- There are many more “services” than programs...
- And programs are the accountable units



# What We Learned

Question 1: How many programs are there in Los Angeles County specifically designed for pregnant and parenting teens in foster care?

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# What We Learned

Question 2: What types of programs are offered?

Education and Prevention	50%
Intervention and Treatment	32%
In-Kind Services	8%
Information and Referral	6%
Early Intervention	4%



# COMMENT

- These data only represent the main objective of each program. Some programs provide many secondary services that are not represented.
- Over 50% of services are concentrated on education, prevention, information and referral
- Few programs (8%) are dedicated to housing, nutrition, and health



# WHAT WE LEARNED

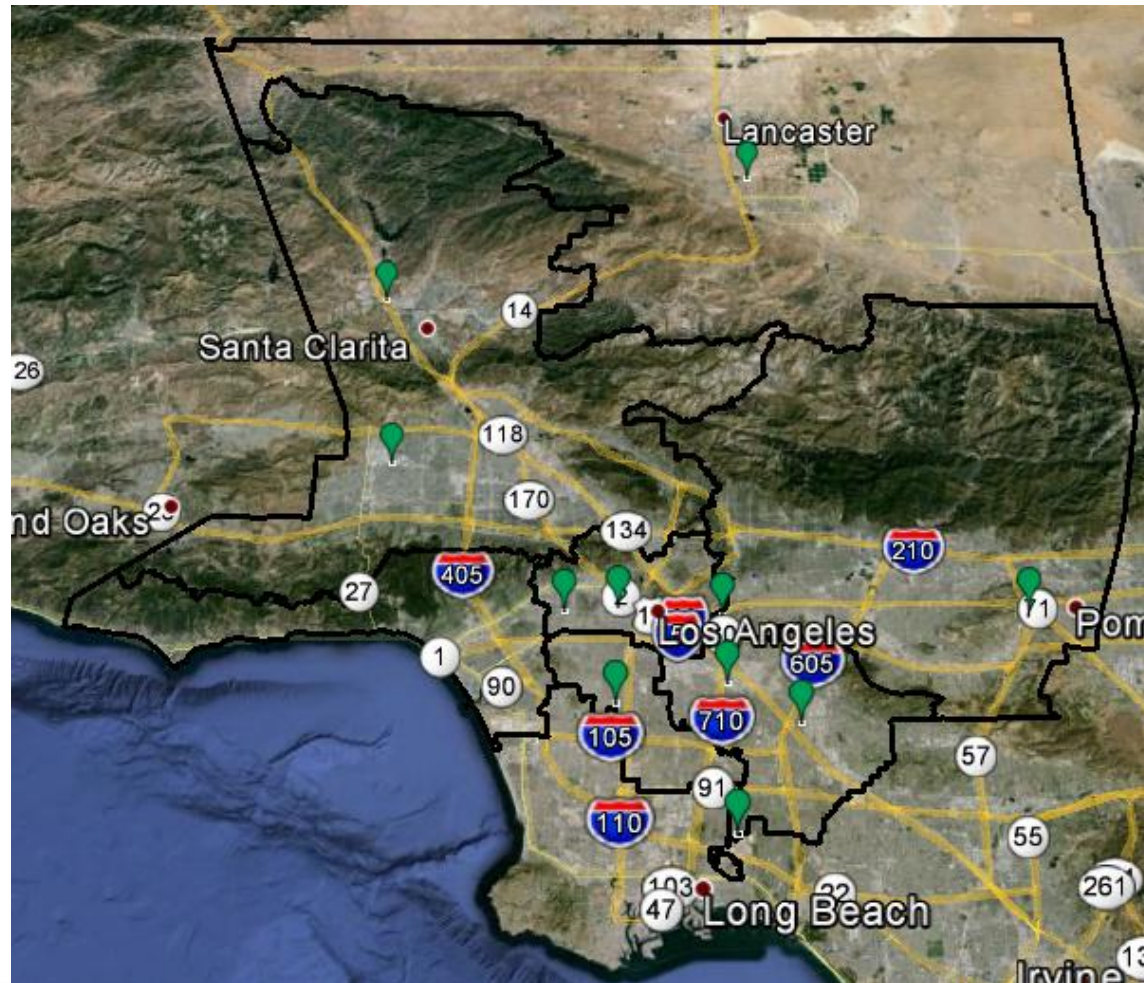
Question 3: Where are these programs located in the county?

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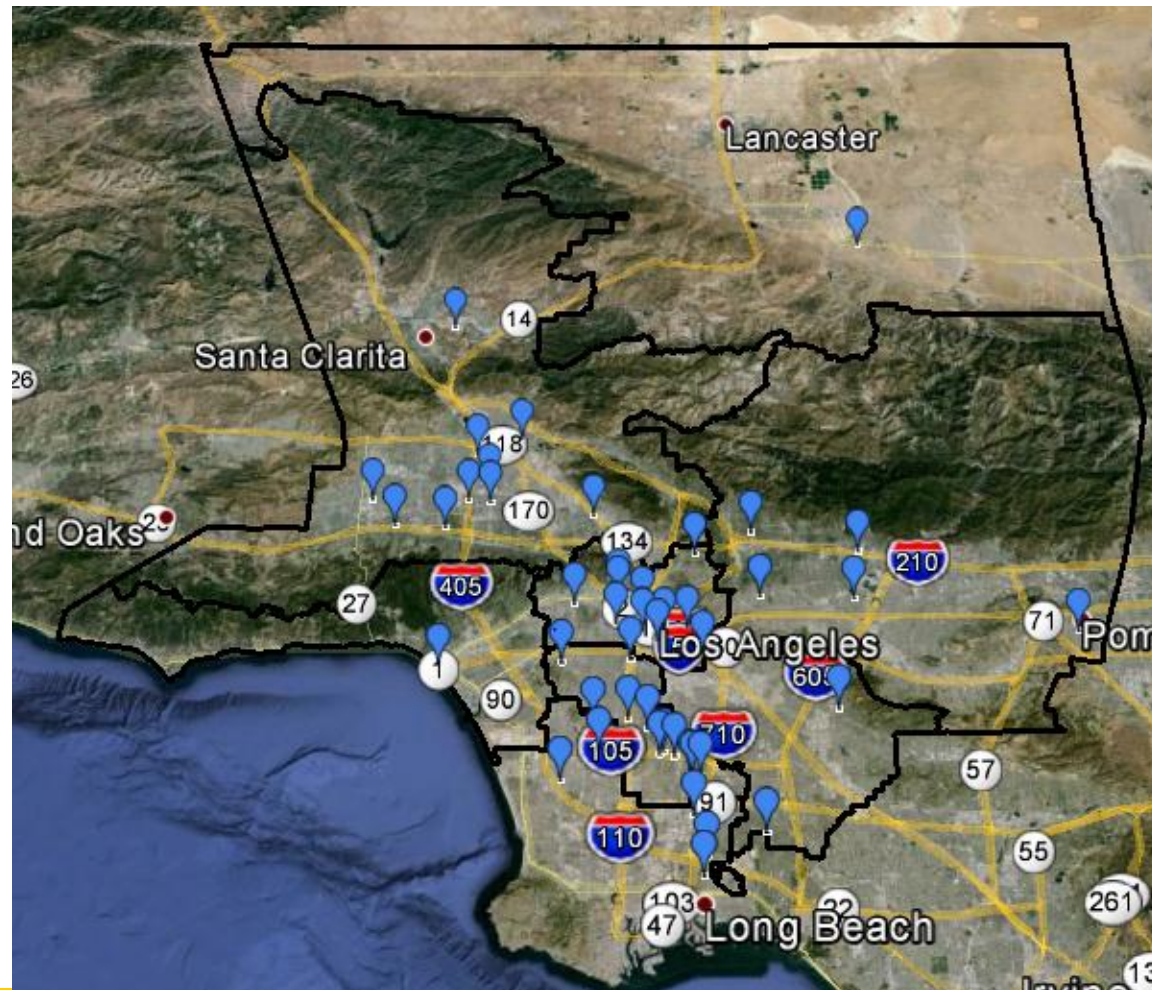




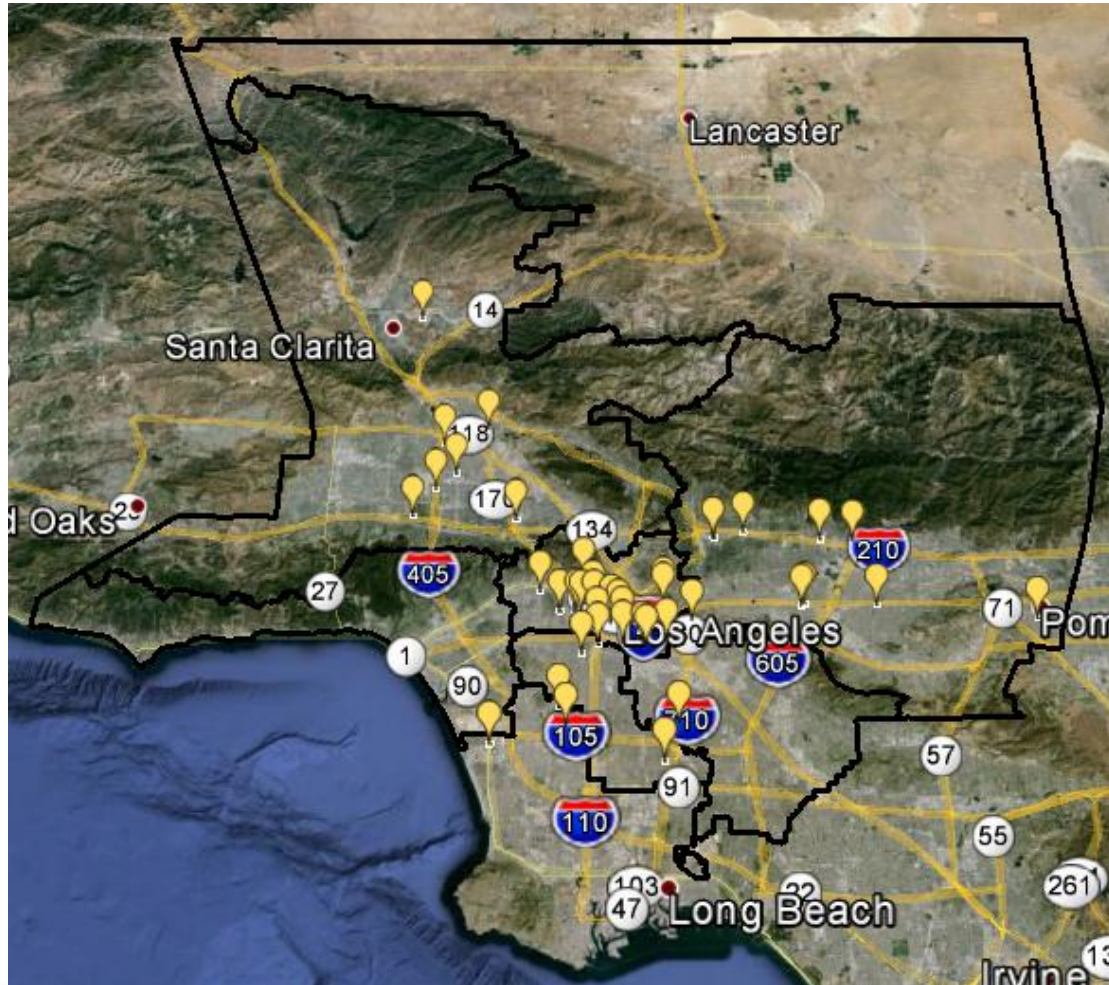
# Information and Referral Programs for Pregnant and Parenting Teens in Foster Care, Los Angeles County



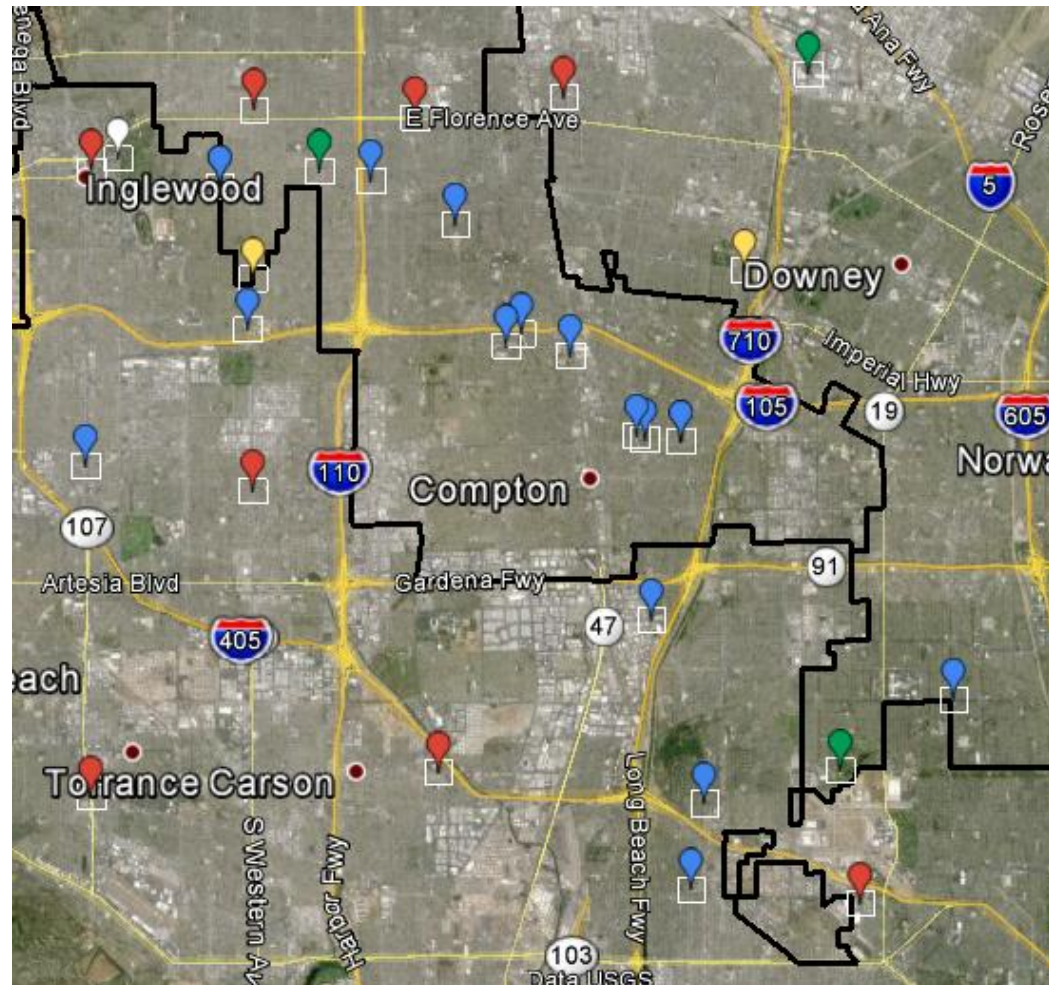
# Education and Prevention Programs, Los Angeles County







# All Programs, Compton





# All Programs, Lancaster and Palmdale



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White-Early Intervention  
Green-Information and Referral  
Blue-Education and Prevention  
Yellow-Intervention and Treatment  
Red-In-Kind Services

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# Early Observations

- Very few programs for fathers, teachers, foster parents, grandparents, siblings, staff in public assistance and housing, police
- Apparently no substance abuse treatment programs, very limited mental health service
- Limited-to-nonexistent connection between programs
- Eligibility restrictions reduce actual availability of service
- No street-based outreach to homeless pregnant foster youth

# What Might We Do?



- Get fuller “snapshot”

Look at **how much service teens** actually get

Most developed/least developed sectors

Track cross-sector collaboration

Test innovations to improve existing capacity